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SUBJECT: NEW GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO LAGOS: BIOGRAPHICS

REF: LAGOS 5437

1. EMBASSY HAS LITTLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON AMBASSADOR SEYDOUBA YATTARA, WHO WAS SECRETARY GENERAL AT PRESIDENCY OF REPUBLIC BEFORE BEING NAMED AS GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO LAGOS. YATTARA HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AT PRESIDENCY, AND DIRECTOR OF ONAH, GUINEAN GASOLINE AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. YATTARA APPARENTLY PLAYED "INSIDE-MAN" ROLE AT PRESIDENCY WITHOUT MUCH PUBLIC EXPOSURE; BY HIS TITLE HE PROBABLY EXERCISED IMPORTANT STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. ACCORDING TO ONE GOG SOURCE, YATTARA IS OLD-GUARD MILITANT, AGED ABOUT 50, WHO LOOKS 10 YEARS OLDER AND IS CALLED IRREVERENTLY "THE OLD MAN" BY FELLOW CADRES BECAUSE OF HIS BAD TEETH, WORN-OUT MIEN, AND UNDYNAMIC REPUTATION. THIS SOURCE DOUBTED WHETHER YATTARA HAS THE PERSONAL QUALITIES NEEDED TO MAKE GUINEA'S MARK IN AN IMPORTANT AFRICAN CAPITAL LIKE LAGOS, AND OPINED THAT YATTARA WOULD BE MORE SUITABLE FOR SOMETHING MORE ON THE ORDER OF AMBASSADOR IN, SAY, BISSAU.

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